

September 3, 2004

AGENDA ITEM # 18

Patricia W. Kost, CMC
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

RE: Roundelay Road Traffic concerns reconsideration

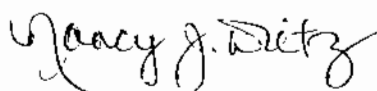
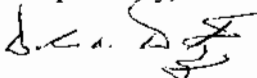
Honorable Council Members,

We, the residents of the Roundelay Road neighborhood, respectfully request your reconsideration of the measures needed to slow the traffic on Roundelay Road. This consideration is directly related to the Conditional Use Permit issued to St. Thomas More Catholic Church on September 20, 2002, for property located at 3015 Roundelay Road and more precisely condition Number 4 requiring the St. Thomas More Church to partner with the City in placing "traffic calming" measures on Roundelay Road.

The speed of the traffic is a concern that has existed for many years and has been enhanced over the last two years with the construction of the "Cut-Thru" road which connects Roundelay Road and Smoketree Lane. As you can see by the attached petition 34 of the 35 residents contacted are in favor of some sort of measure to reduce the speed in our neighborhood. Our neighbors would like to be able to walk and allow the children to ride their bikes on the road again.

We would like to have this concern placed on the September 14th City Council agenda for reconsideration.

Respectfully,



Dale and Nancy Dietz
for the residents of the Roundelay Road neighborhood

201 Roundelay Circle
Lynchburg, VA 24502
(434) 239-4660

Enclosure: Signed Petition

Petition

From: Roundelay Road Neighborhood

To: Lynchburg City Council

Request

The undersigned residents of the Roundelay Road neighborhood petition The City Council of Lynchburg, VA to place the "Roundelay Road traffic calming" measures discussion on the September 14, 2004 meeting agenda.

<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>
DALE A. DIETZ	201 Roundelay Circle	Dale Dietz
Nancy J. Dietz	201 Roundelay Circle	Nancy J. Dietz
MICHAEL ROACH	1004 Roundelay Rd	Michael Roach
BARBARA ROACH	1004 Roundelay Rd	Barbara H Roach
BRENDA STUBBS	2002 Roundelay Rd.	Brenda Stubbs
ROY STUBBS	2002 Roundelay Rd	Roy Stubbs
Mark Smith	203 Roundelay Circle	Mark E. Smith
Karen Crouch	203 Roundelay Circle	Karen Crouch
ELISHA HALL	207 Roundelay Circle	Elisha Hall
Mrs. Jocelyn Hall	207 Roundelay Circle	Mrs. Jocelyn Hall
Michelle Richards	209 Roundelay Circle	Michelle Richards
Matt Richards	209 Roundelay Circle	Matt Richards
Joyce Jones	219 Roundelay Cir	Joyce Jones
Shirley Jones	1008 Roundelay Rd.	Shirley Jones
Eva H. Harper	2008 Roundelay Rd.	Eva Harper
Bertha R. Browning	225 Roundelay Cir	Bertha R. Browning
ROSSER BROWNING	225 Roundelay Cir	ROSSER B.
ANNIE LIEB MOORE	223 ROUNDDELAY CIR.	Ann Liek Moore
KELLY KARNES	212 Roundelay Cir	Kelly Karnes
Jim Wareham	211 Roundelay Cir	Jim Wareham
Rufus L. Dorson	3015 Roundelay Rd	Jim Dorson
Sheila Wareham	211 Roundelay Cir	Sheila Wareham
James W. Steel	2007 Roundelay Rd	James W. Steel
William Garland	3002 Roundelay Rd.	William Garland
Sandra Chapman	3007 Roundelay Rd	Sandra Chapman
LORI MOON	2004 Roundelay Rd	Lori Moon
Joshua Moon	" "	Joshua Moon

Printed Name

Address

Signature

Estelle S. Ellen	3006 Roundelay Rd.	Estelle S. Ellen
Shevelly Campbell	2005 Roundelay Rd	Shevelly B. Campbell
William J. Burton	2001 Roundelay Road	William J. Burton
Priscilla H. Burton	2001 Roundelay Rd	Priscilla H. Burton
JOHN W. BRYANT	3000 Roundelay Rd	John W. Bryant
DAVID KILMARTIN	1002 Roundelay Rd	David Kilmartin

Background Information

Issue:

The primary concern is the excessive speed along Roundelay Road and how the speed can be moderated in an economical manner. What is the best solution to accomplish this task?

Current Proposed Solutions:

1. Speed humps.
2. Closing the connector portion of Roundelay Road to Smoketree Lane.
3. Three way STOP signs at Roundelay Road and Roundelay Circle as well as St. Thomas More church parking lot entrance.
4. Widening of Roundelay Road to incorporate curbs (and sidewalks).
5. Widening of St. Thomas More Church parking lot entrance from one way exit to two way to accommodate traffic in conjunction with closing the connector – church traffic would be divided between two neighborhoods.
6. Continuous police presence to enforce speed limit.
7. Traffic light at Timberlake Road and Roundelay Road intersection.

The residents would be interested in discussing these and any additional solutions to allow for an open and thorough examination to resolve a dangerous situation for the residents.

Respectfully,

The Residents of Roundelay neighborhood

Roundelay Road Excessive Speed

I. Issue

The primary concern is the excessive speed along Roundelay Road and how the speed can be moderated in an economical manner. What is the best solution to accomplish this task?

II. Background (approximate timeline)

- 2000 Neighborhood meeting at St. Thomas More Catholic church to discuss church expansion plans. This meeting was attended by neighborhood residents, Father O'Brien (pastor at time), city planning representative, and city councilman Joseph Seiffert.
 - Residents expressed concerns with speed of traffic prior to and following services and the impact expansion would have on the number of speeders.
 - Discussion of need for some action to slow traffic was necessary.
 - Speed bumps were mentioned and that speed humps were the more viable of the two options.
 - 2000 A conditional use permit was issued to the church for the addition/expansion plans.
 - 2003 New housing complex was completed and an extension of Roundelay Road was paved to connect the two developments. Roundelay Road was unaware of this developer's request and its approval.
 - 2003 Vistas of Dreaming Creek apartment complex was completed with 176 units.
 - 2004 Traffic study was conducted along Roundelay Road by traffic engineers.
 - 2004 Letter issued that based on resident favorable response and traffic numbers, speed humps would be installed.
 - 2004 Speed humps declined by City Council and church use permit modified.
 - 2004 Petition to re-visit excessive speed traffic along Roundelay Road circulated among neighbors.
- Statistics:
- 97% support within neighborhood for re-visiting the excessive speed of traffic by city council.
 - 36 residents
 - 1 unavailable (Jefferson is moving)
 - 34 residents signed petition to re-visit issue including individuals against speed hump installation indicating a strong neighborhood support toward the issue – reducing speed.
 - 1 resident did not want to sign the petition

III. Additional Concerns

- Road width along Roundelay Road is 19-20 feet.
- Road width along "cut through" is approximately 30-31 feet.
- Road width of new roads is at least 31 feet.
- Only 1 speed sign stating 25mph which is routinely ignored by traffic.
- Stop signs may help, but if traffic signs ignored, will same occur with only stop signs installed?
- Speed increases during "rush hours" such as early morning hours (7-8:30am) and early evening hours (4-6pm).
- Speed increases during "service hours" such as Saturday evening and Sunday mornings.
- Primary amount of traffic occurs due to cut through transient traffic, secondary amount during service hours.
- Residents are afraid to use the road for normal neighborhood activities – walking and bike riding – which create neighborhood cohesiveness.

V. Current Proposed Solutions:

	<i>Possible Solutions</i>	<i>Approximate Cost</i>
1	Speed Humps	\$5,500
2	Closing the connector portion of Roundelay Road to Smoketree Lane:	
a	Using Jersey Barriers [(2) 10ft. Barriers @ \$590/ea]	\$1,180
b	Using Security Barriers [(3) 8ft. Barriers @ ~\$579/ea]	\$1,737
3	3-way STOP signs at Roundelay Road and Roundelay Circle intersections as well as at St. Thomas More Church parking lot [(7) additional signs @ ~ \$50/ea]	\$350
4	Widening of Roundelay Road to incorporate curbs (and sidewalks) from 19-20ft to 31ft	\$132,000 - \$150,000
5	Widening of St. Thomas More Church parking lot entrance from one way exit to two- way to accommodate traffic in conjunction with closing the connector – church traffic would be divided between two neighborhoods.	\$???
6	Continuous police presence to enforce speed limit. (Rookie Officer's Salary)	\$32,000
7	Traffic Light at Timberlake Road and Roundelay Road intersection.	\$150,000